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In re the Application of

Inventors: Yuji TANAKA et al. Art unit: 2627
Appln No.: 10/827,522 Examiner: C. Magee
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For: OPTICAL DISC DEVICE HAVING FIXING PARTS FOR
DIRECTLY FIXING A FRAME OF THE OPTICAL DISK DEVICE
TO AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE (as amended)

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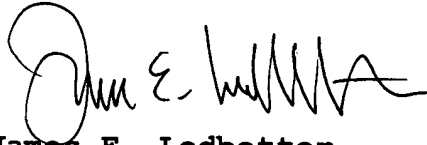
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. Attached is a Chinese Office Action dated November 10, 2006 with an English translation thereof. US '837 cited therein was filed in the Information Disclosure Statement of May 11, 2004. US '309 corresponds to CN '049 and US '580 corresponds to JP '460.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during

the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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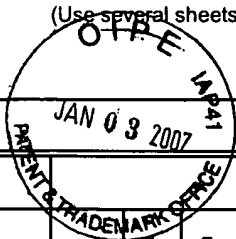
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